के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट कर दिया गया है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) कोल्टा जनजाति को उत्तर प्रदेश की अनुसूचित जनजाति की सूची में शामिल करने का एक प्रस्ताव है जिस पर अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति की सूचियों में प्रस्तावित व्यापक संशोधन के संदर्भ में विचार किया जा रहा है ।

Locust menace

1523. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan and Gujarat are facing locust menace, if so, the details of area currently affected and likely to be affected;

(b) whether this menace is likely to spread in adjoining State of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(c) what are the efforts made by Government to curb this menace; and

(d) whether any damage with crops have been done, if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. Locust swarms have entered Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jodhpur and Jalore districts in Rajasthan and Banaskantha & Kutch districts in Gujarat.

(b) Adequate control operations are being carried out in the scheduled desert areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat to ensure that locust swarms do not spread to adjoining States.

(c) Following efforts are made by the Government to curb this menace :

(1) Deployment of ground control teams for monitoring the locust activity and for undertaking control operations in the locust infested areas.

(2) Providing plant protection equipment and pesticides to the village level committees/farmers in the locust infested areas for controlling locust.

(3) Mobilisation of additional manpower, equipment, vehicles and pesticides.

(4) Deployment of air-craft and Helicopters for aerial application of pesticides.

(5) Strengthening/mobilising the State machinery for better coordination of locust control operations.

(6) Strengthening of survey and communication net-work.

(7) Collection and collation of information about locust activity in the other locust prone countries through Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

(8) Guidance to the neighbouring States adjoining to the scheduled desert area to be in readiness for controlling any locust incursion.

(d) So far there has been no report about the damage to crops.

Production of cashew in the country

@1524. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any programme being launched by Government for increasing the production and productivity of cashew in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the current status of production and productivity of cashew in India;

(d) what is the total installed capacity of cashew processing units in the country and how much of it is being utilised; and

(e) what are the details of the raw and processed cashew imported and exported by India during the past three years in the terms of quantity and value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) For increasing production and productivity of cashewnut in the country, under the Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashewnut in India, measures viz.; (i) area expansion with clonal planting material; (ii) improvement of cashew by vegetative propogation and maintenance of scion banks; (iii) adoption of intensive pest control measures; and (iv) pilot demonstrations for clonal cultivation, were implemented during 1992-93. The programme is proposed to be continued with some modifications during remaining period of the VIII Plan.

(c) As per rough estimates, the production and productivity of raw cashewnuts in the country during 1992-93 were 3.49 lakh tonnes and

647 kg/ha. respectively.

(d) The roughly estimated installed capacity of cashew processing units in the country is around 5.32 lakh tonnes of raw cashewnut. Information on Capacity utilisation is not available.

(e) The quantity and value of raw nuts imported and export of cashew kernel respectively for the last three years are given below:

Year	Import of raw cashewnuts		Export of cashew kernels	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	(tonnes)	(Rs. in crore)	(tonnes)	(Rs. in crore)
1990-91	82,639	134.00	49,812	441.40
1991-92	1,06,322	266.43	64,692	668.45
1992-93	1,33,293	360.28	53,241	745.13

@ Previously Unstarred Question 539 transferred from 29-7-93.

Shrimp prawn harvest in A.P.

@@1525. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that large quantities of shrimp prawn are harvested every year in the coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity produced, foreign exchange earned, the number of people employed etc.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no worthwhile Central Agency to guide and advice the farmers currently involved in prawn culture; and

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposals or schemes to strengthen the extension work in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details pertaining to the year 1991 are as follows:

(i) quantity produced	—9172 tonnes
(ii) foreign exchange earned	—Rs. 137.1 crore
(iii) number of people employed	—direct: 10,075 —indirect: 30,000

(c) and (d) There are a number of organisations/institutions such as, Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) established in the coastal districts of the State, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) and Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) which guide and advise the coastal farmers of the State. In addition, the World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project launched during 1992-93 and being implemented in Andhra Pradesh alongwith four other States, has provision for guiding and training of the shrimp farmers of all the project States.

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 276 transferred from 28-7-93.

Damage of Rabi Crops in Pratapgarh District

1526. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crops in Pratapgarh District was badly damaged by hailstorm;